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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOJ SURVEY MISSION INTERNATIONAL ENERGY

PROBLEMS

REF: TOKYO 704, 2776

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT NINE MAN MISSION
HEADED BY AMBASSADOR KONDO PLANS VISIT WASHINGTON MARCH
31- APRIL 7 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON BROAD ARRAY OF ENERGY
TOPICS. WE HAVE TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY
THAT PRESIDENT'S ENERGY MESSAGE WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE
GOJ MISSION ARRIVES. IT THEREFORE CLEAR TO DEPARTMENT
(AND TO JAPANESE EMBASSY) THAT VISIT SCHEDULED PRIOR TO
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WOULD NOT PERMIT THE FULL AND
MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION THAT BOTH USG AND GOJ WOULD LIKE.
WE WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED IF NOT EAGER TO UNDERTAKE
FULL RANGE OF ENERGY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ AFTER POLICIES
ENUNCIATED; HOWEVER WOULD BE IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS IF
MISSION COULD DELAY ITS TRAVEL BY ONE MONTH. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY WILL ONCE AGAIN URGE

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POSTPONEMENT ON ABOVE GROUNDS, BUT WOULD BE USEFUL IF
EMBASSY TOKYO COULD ALSO WEIGH IN WITH THESE VIEWS.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS ALSO INFORMED THAT, WHETHER OR NOT
KONDO MISSION DECIDES TO TRAVEL AT END OF MARCH, FSE
DIRECTOR AKINS WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH THEM IN TOKYO
DURING HIS PROPOSED TRIP ON EITHER MARCH 29 OR MARCH 30.
FURTHER DETAILS RE POSSIBLE AKINS VISIT FOLLOW SEPTEL. ROGERS

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